

THE *NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY NETWORK*

A Public Safety Partnership for Lexington - Fayette County

Neighborhood Participation Form

Disasters can happen anywhere, anytime, and they can happen to us. And while we cannot always prevent them, we can work together and take steps now to be ready. That is why the LFUCG Division of Environmental and Emergency Management (DEEM) and the LFC Neighborhood Council are sponsoring the Neighborhood Emergency Network (NET) as part of the Federal Government's "Citizen's Corp" initiative. NET is a volunteer program that enhances communications between the LFUCG and the public during disasters and helps better prepare citizens.

If your neighborhood association wishes to participate in this program, please fill out this form and return it to DEEM at 166 N. Martin Luther King Blvd, Lexington, Kentucky 40507, or by fax at (859) 252-8689.

Contact Information

The following neighborhood association voluntarily agrees to participate in the Neighborhood Emergency Network (NET) program under the terms stated below.

Neighborhood Association	
Zip Codes	
Council Districts	
Estimated # of Houses	
President	
Mailing Address	
Email Address	
Telephone Number	
Facsimile Number	

Emergency Contacts

The following members of the neighborhood association voluntarily agree to participate in the Neighborhood Emergency Network (NET) program as "Neighborhood Contacts" under the terms stated below.

	Primary Contact	Secondary Contact	Tertiary Contact
Name			
Signature			
Mailing Address			
Email Address			
Tel. Number			
Facsimile Number			
Cell Number			

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Program Activities

The neighborhood association is interested in conducting the following *voluntary* activities as part of the Neighborhood Emergency Network (NET) program (*Please check appropriate boxes*).

- ☐ Volunteer to provide a representative on the NET steering team. The group will meet to develop and implement this program in Lexington-Fayette County.
- ☐ Volunteer to assist DEEM with conducting a neighborhood survey of hazards, emergency resources, and persons with special needs during disasters.
- ☐ Volunteer to provide three (3) emergency contacts as part of the NET's communication network. During disasters, these contacts will be notified and possibly asked to disseminate information to their neighbors.
- ☐ Volunteer to provide status reports to the LFUCG emergency operations center during disasters.
- ☐ Volunteer to host forums for your members conducted by local officials on severe storm safety, homeland security, and disaster resistance efforts in our community.
- ☐ Volunteer to work with DEEM to conduct basic disaster safety training in the neighborhood.
- ☐ Volunteer to help recruit volunteers for community disaster drills.
- ☐ Volunteer to assist the LFUCG during disasters.

Terms of Participation

By volunteering to join the Neighborhood Emergency Network (NET) program and signing below, the neighborhood association acknowledges and fully understands the following terms of participation:

- The NET program is a *purely voluntary activity*. No neighborhood association is required to participate. Neighborhood associations, association members, the LFUCG, or other participants do not legally commit themselves to performing any of the services stated in the previous section. Any volunteer or organization can end their participation anytime with written notice.
- The NET program is *free to the public*. Neighborhood associations or individual volunteers do not pay fees to participate, with the exception of any special training opportunities offered that may require a fee.
- No neighborhood association or citizen is required to divulge any information to the LFUCG or neighborhood associations. All information will be kept private and used only by the LFUCG and only for disaster preparedness and response.
- All persons volunteering to participate in NET-related training or who serve as neighborhood emergency contacts must first sign a NET Volunteer Waiver provided by DEEM.
- For the purpose of this program, the LFUCG normally functions as an advisor and informer. This includes providing neighborhood associations with emergency notifications and making instructors and materials available for safety training. As such, neighborhood associations or trainers are the instrumentalities for all training for the purposes of this program.
- All participating neighborhood associations and individual volunteers are provided with legal protections from civil liabilities pursuant to the Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 (Title 42 U.S.C. § 14501 *et seq*).

Signature

As President of the neighborhood association stated above, I certify that my association has reviewed and has voted to *voluntarily* participate in the Neighborhood Emergency Network under the terms stated above.

Name

Title

Signature

Date